

REMARKS

The above amendments to the above-captioned application along with the following remarks are being submitted as a full and complete response to the Official Action dated September 20, 2005.

Regarding the IDS filed on March 31, 2004, Applicants respectfully contended that the IDS was not filed by Applicants but someone else, which may be contain a typing error in the application number since they are irrelevant to the application

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due reconsideration to this application, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-15 are under consideration in this application. Claims 2-7 and 9-15 are being amended, as set forth in the above marked-up presentation of the claim amendments, in order to more particularly define and distinctly claim applicants' invention.

The claims are being amended to correct formal errors and/or to better recite or describe the features of the present invention as claimed. All the amendments to the claims are supported by the specification. Applicants hereby submit that no new matter is being introduced into the application through the submission of this response.

Formality Objection & Rejection

Claims 13-14 were objected to for informalities, and claims 2-13 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

As indicated, the claims are being amended as required by the Examiner. Accordingly, the withdrawal of the outstanding informality objection and rejection is in order and claims 2-13 and 15 are in condition for allowance.

Allowable subject Matter

Claim 1 was allowed, and claims 8 and 14 would be allowed after overcoming the outstanding objection and rejection.

As claims 8 and 14 and other dependant claims are being rewritten to overcome the outstanding objection and rejection, they are in condition for allowance.

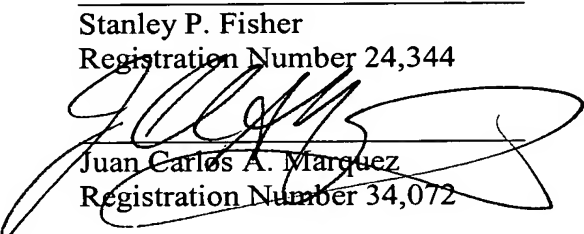
Conclusion

In view of all the above, clear and distinct differences as discussed exist between the present invention and the prior art references upon which the rejections in the Office Action rely, Applicant respectfully contends that the prior art references cannot anticipate the present invention or render the present invention obvious. Rather, the present invention as a whole is distinguishable, and thereby allowable over the prior art.

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the address and telephone number indicated below.

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